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In re application of

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NOVEL STABILIZED ACTIVATED DERIVATIVES OF CARBAMIC ACID, THEIR PROCESS OF PREPARATION AND THEIR USE FOR THE PREPARATION OF UREAS

FURTHER PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Add the following new claims:

--33. (new) Compounds according to claim 15, in which the aryl group can be substituted with 1 to 6 substituents selected from: alkyl, alkoxy, amine, ester, urea, amide, carboxylic acid, 1 to 10 carbon atoms, hydroxyl, nitrile, nitro, guanidine, aryl whose cyclic structure contains 5 to 20 carbon atoms, and a halogen atom.

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